GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:52
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2016
Preservation of Folk Songs
Thakur Shri Anurag Singh

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Radio has taken up a special project to record lakhs of folk songs sung in various States on various occasions and preserve them for future generations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present status of the said project along with the numbers of folk songs preserved through this mission, State/UT-wise;

(c) the time by which the said project is likely to be implemented;

(d) the amount sanctioned and spent so far on the said project; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to sell it commercially and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE; MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS; AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.52 FOR ANSWER ON 26.02.2016

(a): Yes Madam, Prasar Bharati has informed that All India Radio has taken a special project "Public Estates Conservations Mega Project" to record ceremonial songs sung across various states on various occasions, to be preserved for posterity.

(b): Till date 7,407 ceremonial songs have been received in the AIR Directorate along with videography thereof, still photographs, musical notations, original scripts Hindi and English translations thereof. Out of 7,407, 1741 recording have been sent to AIR Archives for preservation after completion of formalities. State-wise details of recording under "Mega Project" are annexed.

(c): The project has already started in November 2014 and likely to be completed during the 13th five year plan

(d): Details of budget allocated and expenditure incurred are given as under:-

(in thousand)

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S.No. Financial year Budget Allocation Expenditure incurred
1. 2014-15 5463 4685
2. 2015-16 50000 4473
Total 55463 9158

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(e): These songs will be broadcast across the network in the regular time band for rural broadcast, and also preserved in AIR's archives which may monetise it like other archival assets.

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